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SUMMARY. EIGHTY-TWO OF THE ONE HUNDRED CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS WERE SWORN IN DURING THE FIRST DAY OF THE PREPARATORY SESSION. THE OPENING SESSION, HOWEVER, WAS MARRED BY VIOLENCE AS SUPPORTERS OF THE ULTRA-LEFT FOCEP AND UDP JOINED STRIKING SUTEP MEMBERS IN CLASHES WITH THE GUARDIA CIVIL. ALTHOUGH RUMORS OF THREE DEATHS CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE, ONLY ONE DEATH SEEMS DEFINITE. THE PREPARATORY SESSION RECONVENES THURSDAY, JULY 20, AT 10:00 AM END SUMMARY.

1. THE PREPARATORY SESSION OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY MET JULY 18 FOR THE SWEARING IN OF DELEGATES. EIGHTY-TWO OF THE HUNDRED DELEGATES WERE SWORN IN. FOUR OF THE DELEGATES DEPORTED BEFORE THE ELECTION (GENARO LEDESMA, RICARDO NAPURI (FOCEP), JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO AND RICARDO DIAZ CHAVEZ (UDP)) HAVE NOT YET RETURNED TO PERU. THE FOUR FNTC DELEGATES REFUSED TO BE SWORN IN AS A
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GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRIKING TEACHERS. THE SHORT AFTER-NOON SESSION (5 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.) CLOSED BEFORE THE REMAINING TEN DELEGATES OF THE PSR, FOCEP, UDP AND THE UN WERE SWORN. AAPRA DELEGATES PROCLAIMED THEIR LEFTIST POSITION BY A SIMPLE STRATEGEM --THEY ARRIVED NEAR DAWN JULY 18 AND OCCUPIED THEIR TRADITIONAL SEATS IN THE ASSEMBLY'S LEFT WING. ON THE WING TO THE RIGHT ARE THE ULTRA-LEFT PARTIES - FOCEP, PSR, UDP, PCP AND PDC. THE

25 PPC DELEGATES ARE SEATED IN THE CENTER OF THE HALF-CIRCLE, A LOCATION WHICH, ACCORDING TO BEDOYA REYES, REPRESENTS THEIR IDEOLOGICAL POSITION AS WELL.

2. OF THE THREE PRESUMED DEATHS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, ONLY ONE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED - A TEACHER HIT IN THE HEAD BY A TEAR GAS CONTAINER. ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IS REPORTED TO BE IN CRITICAL CONDITION FROM A BULLET WOUND. AN EMPLOYEE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS WAS SHOT IN THE FOOT IN THE MELEE WHICH OCCURRED BETWEEN GUARDIA CIVIL AND DEMONSTRATORS WHEN THE LATTER ATTACKED AND LATER BURNED A BUS LEAVING THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. THE DEMONSTRATIONS LASTED FROM LATE MORNING UNTIL EARLY EVENING WITH GUARDIA CIVIL ATTEMPTING TO DISPERSE THE DEMONSTRATORS USING TEAR GAS, JETS OF WATER, AND BY FIRING THEIR GUNS IN THE AIR. VARIOUS GROUPS OF 50 TO 60 DEMONSTRATORS RESPONDED BY THROWING STONES AT GUARDIA CIVIL MEMBERS. TEAR GAS DRIFTED INTO THE CONGRESS BUILDING CAUSING DISCOMFORT TO ASSEMBLY DELEGATES.

3. FOCEP AND UDP SUPPORTERS ARE PLANNING TO JOIN CGTP MEMBERS IN A DEMONSTRATION AT THE PLAZA DOS DE MAYO AT 6:00 P.M. JULY 19. DISTURBANCES ARE EXPECTED BUT THE PIP IS TAKING MEASURES TO KEEP DEMONSTRATORS AWAY FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS WHERE THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WILL BE SIGNING A PL-480 AGREEMENT.

4. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY SESSION WILL OPEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THURSDAY, JULY 20 AT 10:00 A.M. THE MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF DRAFTING THE INTERNAL RULES OF ORDER FOR THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WILL BE ANNOUNCED. ACCORDING TO ONE DELEGATE, THIS COMMITTEE IN TURN IS EXPECTED TO CALL FOR ONE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR EACH PROPOSED CHAPTER OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE SUB-COMMITTEES WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSIONS. MAJORITY AND MINORITY VIEWS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IN OPEN SESSIONS WITH EACH ASSEMBLY MEMBER GIVEN TEN MINUTES FOR COMMENT. FEW OPEN SESSIONS ARE ANTICIPATED.

5. COMMENT. THE ASSEMBLY'S RULES OF PROCEDURE PROBABLY WILL BE SHARPLY DEBATED, AS APRA AND PPC BOTH SEEM DETERMINED TO REDUCE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LEFTISTS TO HAMPER THE ASSEMBLY'S WORK WITH IRRELEVANT OR DEMAGOGIC SPEECHES. UDP AND FOCEP OF COURSE WANT MAXIMUM PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC ATTENDANCE FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO TURN THE ASSEMBLY INTO A THEATER OF THE ABSURD.
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